

**DESOTO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**TOMMY LEWIS, PRESIDENT 2001, PRESIDING**

**November 19, 2001**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

The November 19, 2001, meeting of the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors was called to order by Supervisor Tommy Lewis, Board President.

Captain Johnny Combs of the DeSoto County Sheriff’s Department was present and did open the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors meeting in a regular session to hear any and all business to come before the Board. The following were present:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin-----District 1---ABSENT  
Supervisor Eugene C. Thach-----District 2  
Supervisor Gerald Clifton-----District 3  
Supervisor John Caldwell-----District 4  
Supervisor Tommy Lewis-----District 5  
W. E. Sluggo Davis-----Chancery Clerk  
Johnny Combs -----Captain, Sheriff’s Dept.  
David Armstrong-----County Administrator  
Bobby Chamberlin-----Board Attorney

**B. INVOCATION**

Captain Johnny Combs presented the invocation.

**C. OLD BUISINESS**

**1. Appointment to the Port Commission**

At the request of Supervisor Gerald Clifton, Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to hold this item over until December 3rd. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	ABSENT
Supervisor Eugene Thach	YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	YES
Supervisor John Caldwell	YES
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	YES

**D. NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Inventory Control Disposition**

The Board of Supervisors were given a list of equipment owned by the County that is either unrepairable or not cost effective to repair. At the recommendation of the County Administrator, Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion to accept receipts from the Inventory Clerk pursuant to Section 31-7-107 of the Mississippi Code and did approve the disposition on the report as noted on Exhibit D.1 as follows:

<u>Property #</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Serial #</u>
4091	Monitor	161654002294

**ITEM D.1, CONTINUED,**

Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	ABSENT
Supervisor Eugene Thach	YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	YES
Supervisor John Caldwell	YES
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	YES

**\*\*See Exhibit D.1**

## **2. Chancery Court Allowances**

On this date, Chancery Court Clerk, W. E. Davis, presented an order of Allowances to the Board of Supervisors for the month of November term in the amount of \$1,346.66 and another allowance in the amount of \$870.00. Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to approve these payments, pursuant to Section 25-7-9 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	ABSENT
Supervisor Eugene Thach	YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	YES
Supervisor John Caldwell	YES
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	YES

**\*\*See Exhibit D.2**

## **3. Ads for the January 2002 Legislative Issue of Magazine**

County Administrator David Armstrong presented a request for advertisement in the *MAS* Magazine. Supervisor Eugene Thach suggested exchanging the picture on the front with the picture of the Administration Building. Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to approve advertising on the inside front cover of *MAS* and authorize the Clerk to write the check from Advertising County Resources. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	ABSENT
Supervisor Eugene Thach	YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	YES
Supervisor John Caldwell	YES
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	YES

**\*\*See Exhibit D.3**

## **4. Joyce Riales—Comptroller**

### **a. Supplemental Claims Docket**

Stephanie Hanks of the Accounting Department and Comptroller Joyce Riales presented the supplementary claims docket showing claims that need to be paid for various departments as of November 19, 2001 in the amount of \$687,913.57.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis questioned the claim for the Driver's License Testing Facility Damage on the docket. The Board discussed that Central Maintenance claims that the damage was not caused by them and the company claims it was caused by the County. County Administrator David Armstrong said he is of the understanding that the damage was caused by the County but offered to look more thoroughly into the situation.

**ITEM D.4.a, CONTINUED,**

In accordance with Section 19-13-31 and Section 19-11-23 of the Mississippi Code Annotated, Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to authorize the Chancery Clerk to pay the bills as presented by the Comptroller in the amount of \$687,913.57, but to hold the check in the amount of \$1,197.00 regarding the damage on the Driver’s License testing station for further review by the County Administrator with said check to be dispersed at the discretion of the County Administrator. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	ABSENT
Supervisor Eugene Thach	YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	YES
Supervisor John Caldwell	YES
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	YES

**\*\*See Exhibit D.4.a**

**b. Investment of Surplus Funds**

Supervisor Tommy Lewis questioned whether the County would receive a better interest rate for longer investment. Comptroller Joyce Riales said the investments are somewhat of a guessing game to anticipate what interest rates will be like in six months. The Board of Supervisors discussed the issue and agreed that the Comptroller was considering the future market when placing investments.

In accordance with Section 19-2-29 of the Mississippi Code, which states that whenever any County shall have on hand any bond and interest funds, any funds derived from the sale of bonds, special funds, or any other funds in excess of the sums which will be required to meet the current needs and demands of no more than seven (7) business days, the Board of Supervisors of such County shall invest such excess funds.

At the recommendation of the Comptroller, Joyce Riales, Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to approve the investment of surplus funds to People’s Bank and Trust for \$1,000,000, that was the highest bidder that placed its bid on time for funds as follows:

<u>Date of Investment</u>	<u>Bank</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Maturity Date</u>	<u># of Days</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>CD#</u>
11/14/2001 92582513	People’s Bank and Trust	\$1,000,000	5/13/2001	180	2.1700%	

The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	ABSENT
Supervisor Eugene Thach	YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	YES
Supervisor John Caldwell	YES
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	YES

**\*\*See Exhibit D.4.b**

**5. Courthouse Renovation—Approval of Change Order #9 (Time Extension)**

County Administrator David Armstrong said the request for this change order had been reviewed and negotiated at length, and the County agreed that Seiler Construction is entitled to an additional 27 days on the Courthouse Renovation. At the recommendation of the County Administrator, Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to approve Change Order #9 for the Courthouse Renovation, which extends the time 27 days with no change in price. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

**ITEM D.5, CONTINUED,**

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	ABSENT
Supervisor Eugene Thach	YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	YES
Supervisor John Caldwell	YES
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	YES

**\*\*See Exhibit D.5**

## 6. Board of Education—School Bus Turnarounds

The DeSoto County Board of Supervisors received a letter dated March 23, 2001 from the DeSoto County Superintendent Jerry Baird requesting the county to maintain the properties which are used as school bus turnarounds. In accordance with Section 19-3-42, Mississippi Code of 1972 as amended, stating that the school bus turnarounds will be built, maintained and improved, Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion to build, maintain, and improve the properties in the Superintendent’s letter dated March 23, 2001 and to direct the County Road Manager to carry out this order of this Board forthwith. Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion for the following list:

Linnie Wilkerson, 580 Getwell Rd. S., Hernando, Bus #67  
Teresa Maness, 1093 Mabry Rd., Lake Cormorant, Bus #11  
Paige Smith, 5280 Dean Rd., Lake Cormorant, Bus #10  
Dawn Kirby, 9282 Wilson Mill, Lake Cormorant, Bus #149  
Angela Harden, 32 James Black Cv., Olive Branch, Bus #189  
Mandy Robbins, 8868 Old Hwy. 61, Walls, Bus #183

The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	ABSENT
Supervisor Eugene Thach	YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	YES
Supervisor John Caldwell	YES
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	YES

**\*\*See Exhibit D.6**

## 7. Authorization to Open Bids

- a. DHS Building**
- b. Optical Mark Reading Election Equipment**

At the recommendation of County Administrator David Armstrong, Supervisor Gerald Clifton made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to authorize opening bids for the DHS Building on December 4, 2001 at 2:00 pm and the Optical Mark Reading Election Equipment on December 4, 2001 at 10:00 am. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	ABSENT
Supervisor Eugene Thach	YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	YES
Supervisor John Caldwell	YES
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	YES

**\*\*See Exhibit D.7**

## 8. Sheriff’s Department—Approval of Copy Contract

At the recommendation of the County Administrator, Supervisor Gerald Clifton made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to approve a copy contract

### ITEM D.8, CONTINUED,

with IKON/IOS Capitol for DeSoto County Sheriff’s Department as presented in Exhibit

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D.8. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	ABSENT
Supervisor Eugene Thach	YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	YES
Supervisor John Caldwell	YES
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	YES

The County Administrator informed the Board of Supervisors that this contract is set to expire in June of 2002 with all the other copy machine contracts. **\*\*See Exhibit D.8\*\***

**9. Advertise County Resources—Southaven Middle School Dance Team**

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to advertise DeSoto County Resources by contributing \$ 250.00 to the Southaven Middle School Dance Team to attend the National Dance Team Championship. In accordance with Section 17-3-3, of the Mississippi Code of 1972, the Board of Supervisors did make a determination that the above request would advertise the resources and possibilities of DeSoto County and thereby advance the moral, financial and other interests of DeSoto County. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	ABSENT
Supervisor Eugene Thach	YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	YES
Supervisor John Caldwell	YES
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	YES

**\*\*See Exhibit D.9**

**10. Miller Voting Precinct/ Fairhaven Fire—Approval of Change Order**

The County Administrator David Armstrong presented a request for a change order to the Miller Voting Precinct / Fairhaven Fire Station in the amount \$6,375.00 to increase water at the facility to allow a fire truck to be filled. Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to approve the change order to add a fire hydrant to the job site and to add a six-inch line with a twelve inch casing, including boarding under Centerhill Road, for a wet tap into a ten inch main, for a total of \$6,375.00. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	ABSENT
Supervisor Eugene Thach	NO
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	YES
Supervisor John Caldwell	YES
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	YES

**\*\*See Exhibit D.10**

**E. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The executive session portions of these minutes are recorded under the portion of the minutes called "Executive Session".

**F. OTHER ISSUES**

**1. Board of Supervisors Travel**

Supervisor Eugene Thach said that he was scheduled to go to the I-69 meeting so he took  
**ITEM F.1, CONTINUED,**

advantage of an opportunity to save on a senior citizen discounted ticket which was much cheaper than other tickets at that time. After the September 11<sup>TH</sup> tragedy, the I-69 meeting

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was cancelled. Supervisor Thach said that he could use the ticket for the Blue Ribbon Trip in February, but he had purchased the ticket for \$330.00 and the tickets for the Blue Ribbon Trip have been quoted at \$212.00. The \$330.00 tickets were purchased to save money for the County. Supervisor Thach requested approval to use the tickets for the Blue Ribbon Trip in February.

Board Attorney Bobby Chamberlin asked to hold this item over until December 3<sup>RD</sup> to check the issue, however he said he felt certain that it would not be a problem.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to approve Supervisor Thach using the \$330.00 ticket for the Blue Ribbon Trip subject to the Board Attorneys approval. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	ABSENT
Supervisor Eugene Thach	YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	YES
Supervisor John Caldwell	YES
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	YES

**2. Roads, Tulane**

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to authorize the Road Department to correct the silt and runoff in a pond belonging to Ralph King on Tulane Road, based on the facts the Board of Supervisors has made a determination that the work done by the County on Tulane Road caused the problem in Mr. King’s pond. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	ABSENT
Supervisor Eugene Thach	YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	YES
Supervisor John Caldwell	YES
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	YES

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion, to adjourn the meeting until December 3, 2001 at 9:00 am. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	ABSENT
Supervisor Eugene Thach	YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	YES
Supervisor John Caldwell	YES
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	YES

THIS the 19<sup>th</sup> day of November 2001, these minutes have been read and approved by the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors.

Tommy Lewis, President  
DeSoto County Board of Supervisors